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FM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SPONGE IRON PROJECT

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1. ACCORDING TO UNDER SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION, ABDEL MEGUID ARAB CONTRACTORS COMPANY, MAJOR EGYPTIAN BULDERS HEADED BY HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION MINISTER OSMAN AHMED OSMAN, IS AT PRESENT TAKING TEST BORINGS ON SITE OF FORMER MILITARY HELICOPTER BASE AT DIKHEILA TO ADVISE ON BEST SITE OF PROPOSED JOINT VENTURE SPONGE IRON SMELTER (REFTTEL). HE ASSUMES BACKERS MUST HAVE GIVEN GO-AHEAD FOR PROJECT.

2. ABDEL MEGUID MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT MIN-INDUSTRY SHAHEEN HAS REMINDED OSMAN THAT SINCE SPONGE IRON SMELTER IS ONLY PART OF PLANNED INDUSTRIAL USE OF LARGE DIKHEILA FREE ZONE SITE, PLANT ITSELF MUST NOT
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MONOPOLIZE PROJECTED DIKHEILA DOCK AREA OF FUTURE

ENLARGED ALEXANDRIA PORT. SURVEYS FOR FACTORY FOOTINGS ARE, THEREFORE, IN OLD AIRPORT AREA AWAY FROM WATERFRONT, WITH CONSIDERATION NOW BEING GIVEN TO CONVEYOR BELT MOVEMENT OF RAW ORE AND REFINED PRODUCT BETWEEN PIERS AND PLANT.

3. QUERIED SPECIFICALLY ON OUTCOME OF FRANTIC ARMY AND AIR FORCE EFFORTS RETAIN DIKHEILA SITE, ABDEL MEGUID COULD ONLY REITERATE TEST BORINGS NOW GOING ON, SO MILITARY MUST HAVE LOST IN LAND USE STRUGGLE. SIGNED CHASE.
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